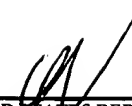




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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHEPPARD ET AL.

Examiner

Bao Qun Li

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This is a response to the amendment filed 11/13/06. Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended. Claims 2, and 8 were canceled. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-10 are pending and considered before the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The rejection of claims 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph are withdrawn necessitated by applicants' amendment..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. The rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 are withdrawn in view of applicants' amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 3 and 6 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sheppard et al. (WO 98/42840A1).
5. In the response, applicants traverse the rejection and argue that the claims are drawn to a method for administering zsig33 peptide, it is drawn to forming a peptide receptor bound with a particular receptor GHs-R. Applicants point out in the instant application that about the time of filing of WO 98/42840, the GHs-R was an orphan receptor, with no known ligand (Howard et al., Science 273: 974-977, 1996, see specification). It is the instant application that identifies GHS-R as the receptor for the zsig33 peptide. Therefore, Applicants submit that WO 98/42840 does not anticipate claims 1, 3, and 6.
6. Applicants' argument has been respectfully considered; however, it is not found persuasive. As applicants also understand that in order to anticipate in accordance with 35 U.S.C.

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§102 Co)) a reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention, either explicitly or inherently.

7. In the instant case, while the reference WO 98/42840A1 does not explicitly teach the receptor GHsR and the peptide zsig 33 binding to the HGsR, the method taught by WO"40A1" inherently comprises the process of said peptide zsig 33 of SEQ ID NO: 2 inherently forming a bond with its receptor GHsR that naturally and inherently expressed on the cell surfaces of the gastrointestinal track (GI) after said peptide is administered into the animal, and expresses its biological effect, wherein the peptide is also inherently expressed on the cell membrane.

8. Regarding the argument of GHsR is not identified and is later identified after the WO 98/42840A1 was filed, MPEP 2105 cites **INHERENT FEATURE NEED NOT BE RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME OF THE INVENTION**. There is no requirement that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized the inherent disclosure at the time of invention, but only that the subject matter is in fact inherent in the prior art reference. *Schering Corp. v. Geneva Pharm. Inc.*, 339 F.3d 1373, 1377, 67 USPQ2d 1664, 1668 (Fed. Cir. 2003) (rejecting the contention that inherent anticipation requires recognition by a person of ordinary skill in the art before the critical date and allowing expert testimony with respect to post-critical date clinical trials to show inherency); see also *Toro Co. v. Deere & Co.*, 355 F.3d 1313, 1320, 69 USPQ2d 1584, 1590 (Fed. Cir. 2004) ("[T]he fact that a characteristic is a necessary feature or result of a prior-art embodiment (that is itself sufficiently described and enabled) is enough for inherent anticipation, even if that fact was unknown at the time of the prior invention."); *Abbott Labs v. Geneva Pharms., Inc.*, 182 F.3d 1315, 1319, 51 USPQ2d 1307, 1310 (Fed.Cir.1999).

9. Hence, the method taught by WO 98//428840 that inherently comprises the process of the peptide zsig 33 binding to its receptor of GHs-R, and forming a peptide-receptor complex after said peptide is administered into the GI track of a testing animal, still inherently anticipate the claims 1, 3 and 6.

10. To this context, the rejection is, therefore, maintained.

Conclusion

Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9-10 are free of rejection. However, they are not in condition for allowance because they depend on the rejected claim 1.

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No claims are allowed.


11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

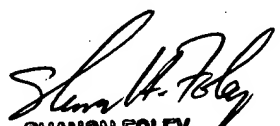
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Qun Li whose telephone number is 571-272-0904. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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